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WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS--A WORLD BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE SEGA GAMES--WHERE A MYSTERIOUS GEM AND A MYSTERIOUS GIRL ARE ABOUT TO START A CRAZY ADVENTURE!

A FEW DAYS AGO...

SKA-KOOM!

YOU ARE FLYING IN A RESTRICTED ZONE! THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING! SURRENDER OR WE *WILL* OPEN FIRE!

KPOW!

KPOW!

YOU DARE THREATEN *ME*?!

BLAM

DR. NEGA! THIS IS YOUR FORTY-SEVENTH ZONE BORDER IN-FRACTION! *PULL OVER!*

SKA-KOOM!

PING!

TREASURE TEAM TANGO

TODAY...

PART ONE: "THE SALIDA"

AND *THIS*, LADIES AND GENTLE-CHAO, IS FREEDOM HQ! OUR HOME-AWAY-FROM-HOME AND OUR BASE OF OPERATIONS!

HOW VERY EXCITING! ISN'T IT EXCITING, MOTHER?!

IT'S CERTAINLY... RUSTIC. IT FEELS...VERY CASUAL.

AMY ROSE HAMMER-SWINGING HEROINE

CREAM THE RABBIT DAINTY & POLITE

VANILLA THE RABBIT CREAM'S MOTHER

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YOU EACH HAVE YOUR OWN ROOM HERE?

WE SURE DO! IT'S PART OF THE HALL-WAY THAT LEADS TO--

HELLO? IS ANY-ONE HERE?

--THE LAB!

I'M HERE, NICOLE. WHAT'S WRONG?

NO EMERGENCY, AMY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT YOUR TOUR.

LOOK, MOTHER! IT'S THE COMPUTER-MADE LADY FROM THE CITY!

HELLO, MS. RABBIT. HELLO, CREAM!

H-HELLO. LET'S NOT BOTHER THEM, CREAM. BESIDES, IT'S NOT POLITE TO POINT.

SORRY, MOTHER!

SO, WHAT'S UP?

I'VE BEEN STUDYING A STRANGE ENERGY SIGNAL THE PAST FEW DAYS. DESPITE THIS, I STILL CANNOT PINPOINT ITS EXACT LOCATION!

WEIRD. CAN I USE YOUR HANDHELD FORM TO CHECK IT OUT?

OF COURSE!

I'M SORRY, BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CUT THE TOUR SHORT. I'VE GOT A MYSTERY TO INVESTIGATE!

OH! MAY I GO ALONG? PLEASE?!

WELL...

CHAO-CHAO!

IT'LL JUST BE A QUICK TROT OUT TO THE FOREST, AND I WOULDN'T MIND THE COMPANY!

ALL RIGHT, THEN. AS LONG AS IT'S NO TROUBLE.

STAY WITH MS. ROSE AND TRY NOT TO GET MUSSED UP!

WE'LL BE GOOD!

CHA-O!

HOW DELIGHTFUL! ANOTHER ADVENTURE WITH MS. ROSE! IT'S A SHAME YOUR BASE HAS TO BE IN SUCH AN UGLY LOCATION, THOUGH.

ACTUALLY, THIS ALL USED TO BE FOREST!

REALLY?

YEP. THE WHOLE FOREST VALLEY WAS OVERGROWN, WHICH USED TO HIDE US FROM THE EGG-MAN EMPIRE. MY HOUSE WAS OVER THERE, I THINK. KINDA HARD TO TELL NOW...

IF THIS AREA WAS SO LUSH, WHAT... WHAT HAPPENED?

EGGMAN HAPPENED. HE INVADED AND BURNED EVERYTHING TO THE GROUND. KIND OF LIKE WHEN HIS NEPHEW STOMPED ALL OVER YOUR CHAO GARDEN. *

*SEE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #217.

I'M SO TERRIBLY SORRY! THAT WAS SO RUDE OF ME!

WHAT? NO! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. YOU DIDN'T KNOW.

STILL, I COULD HAVE BEEN MORE TACTFUL.

CHAO! CHAO!

LOOK, CREAM, YOU CAN RELAX AROUND ME. I'M REALLY--

WHA-HUH? I DON'T SPEAK "CHAO."

CHEESE SAYS HE SEES SOMETHING UP AHEAD. LOOK!

IF THAT'S THE WEIRD THING NICOLE WAS TRACKING, IT'S A LOT CLOSER THAN SHE THOUGHT. GOOD EYE, CHEESE! AT THIS RATE WE'LL BE BACK BEFORE--

YOW!

BLAZE THE CAT PYROKINETIC...

... AND IN NO MOOD TO PLAY AROUND!

FWOOSH

IF YOU'RE HUNTING FOR SOL EMERALDS AS WELL, I SUGGEST YOU BACK OFF. NOW.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, SHOWING UP OUT OF NOWHERE AND THROWING AROUND FIRE LIKE THAT?!

Um... MS. ROSE? MAYBE YOU COULD BE MORE CIVIL? SHE DOES SEEM TO HAVE FIRE-POWERS AFTER ALL...

YEAH? WELL, I HAVE A HAMMER! HOLD NICOLE FOR A MINUTE.

I GAVE YOU FAIR WARNING. TRUST ME. YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THIS.

PIKO!

YOU'RE IGNORING MY QUESTIONS AND YOU NEARLY BURNED MY EYE-LASHES OFF! SO, **YEAH**, I WANT TO DO THIS!

MS. ROSE? MS. FIRE-CAT-LADY? IF YOU WOULD JUST TAKE A MOMENT TO--

FWOOMP!

--OR NOT.

IS FIRE ALL YOU'VE GOT? I BRING MORE HEAT THAN THAT!

YOU WILL NEED MORE THAN A BIG HAMMER AND BIG WORDS TO STOP ME!

YEAH-- WELL--YOU--ARGH! HOW DOES SONIC KEEP UP ALL THIS MID-BATTLE BANTER?!

SONIC--?!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG? HERO OF MOBIUS?

HOW DO YOU KNOW SONIC?

EXCUSE ME, PLEASE!

SINCE YOU'VE TAKEN A BREAK FROM FIGHTING, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE SHINY THING WE SAW WAS THIS.

YOU CAN GO BACK TO FIGHTING NOW IF YOU LIKE.

OH... THAT'S NOT... SO WE WERE... MY BAD.

FIGHTING OVER GARBAGE... HOW HUMIL-IATING...

I APOLOGIZE FOR MY BEHAVIOR AND FOR TROUBLING YOU. GOOD DAY.

YOU SEEM VERY UPSET, MA'AM. MAYBE WE CAN HELP YOU?

THAT'S NOT NECESSARY. GOOD. DAY.

WAIT! I'M A FREEDOM FIGHTER! ALL I **DO** IS HELP PEOPLE! YOU COULD AT LEAST TELL ME HOW YOU KNOW SONIC!

...

SONIC ONCE CAME TO MY ZONE AND ASSISTED ME IN MY SEARCH FOR THE SOL EMERALDS.*

*AS RETOLD IN SU #1!

WAIT! FIRE POWERS! SOL EMERALDS! YOU'RE BLAZE! SONIC TOLD ME ABOUT YOU!

AND YOU'RE JUST NOW MAKING THE CONNECTION? OR WERE YOU TOO BUSY WAVING YOUR HAMMER AROUND TO *THINK*?

I'VE SEEN A LOT OF WEIRD STUFF IN MY TIME, OKAY? YOU DON'T STAND OUT *THAT* MUCH.

=SIGH!= *ANYWAY...*

...WITH SONIC'S HELP, I RECOVERED ONE OF THE SEVEN EMERALDS, AND WITH ITS POWER, I'VE BEEN SLOWLY TRACKING DOWN THE REST, ACROSS MY WORLD AND OTHERS.

OOOOOOH!

WELL, I'M AMY ROSE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND SONIC'S FUTURE SWEETHEART!

HOW DO YOU DO? MY NAME IS CREAM, AND THIS IS MY FRIEND, CHEESE.

CHAO!

ALTHOUGH... ISN'T IT A BIT PRESUMPTUOUS TO CLAIM MR. SONIC LIKE THAT?

HE KNOWS HOW I FEEL AND HOW WE'RE MEANT TO BE!

I'M PRETTY SURE HE'S DATING PRINCESS SALLY NOW--

CREAM? DROP IT.

ALL RIGHT! WE'RE ALL INTRODUCED, SO LET'S FIND THAT SOL EMERALD FOR YOU!

WE WERE VICIOUSLY FIGHTING A MINUTE AGO! ***NOW*** YOU WANT TO ***HELP*** ME?

IF YOU'RE COOL WITH SONIC, YOU'RE COOL WITH US! C'MON, TEAM! BEFORE SOMEONE BEATS US TO IT!

SO, LET'S SEE...

THIS WAY, MS. BLAZE!

CHAO-CHAO!

THE GREAT FOREST...

MAKE UP YOUR MIND, NICOLE. ARE WE GETTING CLOSER OR NOT?

IT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY. ONE MOMENT THE SIGNAL IS STRONG, THE NEXT IT'S ALMOST GONE COMPLETELY!

HEY, BLAZE! WHAT DOES YOUR GEM... ER... SAY?

FWOOP!

WHICH PARTS OF "WE'RE TRYING TO HELP" AND "WE'RE A TEAM" DID YOU MISS?

MY TRUST ISN'T SO EASILY WON!

BUT WE'RE THE GOOD GUYS! WE PROMISE!

SHE'S RIGHT TO BE CAUTIOUS.

THERE'RE ALL SORTS OF NASTY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

ROUGE!

AT YOUR SERVICE!

YEAH, RIGHT. YOU ONLY CARE ABOUT GETTING WHAT *YOU* WANT!

AND WHAT *I* WANT IS TO HELP YOU GIRLS FIND THE SOL EMERALD!

ROUGE AGENT OF G.U.N.

AH-*HA*! YOU *WERE* SPYING ON US!

NOT AT ALL.

I'M FOLLOWING THE SAME ODD READINGS YOUR TEAM IS AFTER!

THAT, AND IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH SPYING WHEN ANYONE WITHIN A HUNDRED FEET CAN HEAR YOU.

"HAVE YOU FOUND THE SOL EMERALD YET?" "HOW ABOUT NOW?"

CREAM? HOLD NICOLE FOR A MINUTE.

LET'S NOT FIGHT AGAIN, MS. ROSE! IS IT REALLY SO HARD TO BELIEVE MS. ROUGE IS HERE TO HELP?

YES.

OH, PLEASE. I'M PLENTY TRUSTWORTHY.

NO WAY! YOU'RE A SPY!

A SPY FOR G.U.N. YOUR ALLY. REMEMBER?

YOU'RE AS SHADY AS THEY COME!

NO WORSE THAN FIONA, AND YOU LET HER ON YOUR TEAM!

I--BUT-- YOU--!

OH, DON'T GIVE UP! YOU'RE DOING SO WELL!

ENOUGH!

I DON'T CARE WHO ANY OF YOU ARE! EITHER BE OF ASSISTANCE OR GET OUT OF MY WAY!

YES, MA'AM! WAY TO TAKE COMMAND!

...DON'T CARE...?

SO, WHAT MAKES THIS "SOL EMERALD" SO IMPORTANT?

IT KEEPS MY WORLD ALIVE.

AH.

THAT WILL MAKE THINGS MORE COMPLI-CATED...

CREEEEEEAK!

WHOO! ENERGY SPIKE! THIS HAS GOT TO BE THE PLACE!

NICOLE?

AGREED. WHATEVER WE ARE TRACKING IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RAVINE.

THAT TREE LOOKS AWFULLY OLD... AND BRITTLE...

CREEEEEEAK!

THAT WORKS, TOO. I'LL FLY YOU DOWN.

CREEEEEEAK!

I'LL SPARE YOUR TEAM THE DANGER AND GO ALONE. I WON'T BE LONG.

NO. I WOULD MUCH RATHER RETRIEVE IT MYSELF, THANK YOU.

YOU DO THAT. I WANTED TO GO WITH CREAM ANYWAY.

REALLY?

CREEEEE

CRACK!

CHAO-O... CHAO CHAO-CHAO!

CHEESE, NO! YOU CAN'T STOP IT ON YOUR OWN!

THWOCK!!

M-M-MS, ROSE...?

WE CAN DO THIS, CREAM! ON "THREE" YOU SWING ME UP AND I'LL--

FWOOSH!

FWAKOOM!

SMASH

WOW.

NICE WORK THERE, PRINCESS.

I'LL SAY!

...

THANK YOU!

AND YOU WERE JUST AS BRAVE, CHEESE!

CHAO!

WAIT...HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS A PRINCESS?

OH, I HAVE MY SOURCES.

WHAT SOURCES?

WOW! LOOK AT THAT ENERGY SIGNATURE!

SHE'S RIGHT! IT'S JUST AHEAD OF US!

THERE IT IS!

THAT OBJECT AROUND THE EMERALD SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO MASK THE ENERGY SIGNATURE.

THAT EXPLAINS ALL THE WEIRD READINGS.

I... I'M SORRY I WAS SO DISTRUSTFUL OF YOU BEFORE. YOU HAVE MY SINCEREST THANKS.

YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME! WE WERE HAPPY TO HELP!

AND I'M... SORRY-FOR-DOUBTING-YOU. THANKS.

AW, THAT'S BIG OF YOU. BUT DON'T FEEL TOO BAD...

...SINCE I'LL BE TAKING THE EMERALD AFTER ALL!

WAIT, WH--AUHK!

OH, YOU'RE GORGEOUS. I JUST MIGHT KEEP YOU ALL TO MYSELF.

SO I WAS PLAYED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. AND TO THINK I BELIEVED ANY OF THEM FOR A MOMENT...!

I KNEW IT! YOU GIVE THAT TO BLAZE RIGHT NOW!

=GASP!= THAT BELONGS TO HER! TAKING IT WOULD BE STEALING!

LITTLE GIRL, YOU SAY THAT LIKE I CARE. IF YOU WANT IT SO BAD...

...COME AND GET IT!

HOW CAN YOU BE SO RUDE AND DISCOURTEOUS TO--?!

EEK!

YOU'RE YOUNG. YOU'LL LEARN.

STOP!

PIKO!

YOU'VE ACTUALLY GOT SOME TALENT, HONEY!

SO I DON'T FEEL BAD NOT PULLING MY PUNCHES!

OW!

IT'S BEEN FUN, GIRLS! TA-TA!

FWOOSH!

GAH!

I WILL GIVE YOU THIS ONE CHANCE. GIVE ME THE SOL EMERALD AND YOU LEAVE ALIVE.

OH! IF ONLY THERE WERE SOME BIG, STRONG MEN AROUND TO BACK UP POOR, DEFENSE-LESS LITTLE ME!

WHAT?!

KABOOM

WOOSH

WOOSH

THUD

THUD

HOW ABOUT THIS, SWEETIE?

YOU GO ON HOME AND LEAVE THE EMERALD TO ME!

OTHERWISE, WELL... I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN RESTRAIN THESE TWO!

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

IT LOOKS LIKE **TEAM DARK** HAS PUT IN THEIR BID FOR THE SOL EMERALD! NEXT TIME: IT'S **TEAM DARK** VERSUS **TEAM ROSE**! UNTIL THEN, CATCH EVEN MORE FUN WITH **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**, SONIC ARCHIVES AND SONIC SELECTS!

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...BUT THAT'S NOT ALL! BE HERE NEXT MONTH & WATCH THE INSANITY UNFOLD -- YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHO SHOWS UP!

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 11/23/10!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: 218

SONIC VS. BUNNIE: FOR REAL?!

THIS IS A FREEDOM FIGHTER CLASH LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE, ONLY IN...

"THICKER THAN WATER" pt2 (OF 2)

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 11/09/10

Dear 'My Sonic Universe',
How have you guys been doing?

Aside from a touch of writer's cramp, I'd say pretty good!

I have a few questions:
1) The Master Emerald is sometimes referred to as "the controller" in games & TV. Does this mean the emerald is some sort of god?

Although magical and mystical, the Master Emerald is most certainly NOT a god.

2) You guys should make a BLAZE arc!

What did you think of part one of "TREASURE TEAM TANGO"??

3) Why does Speedy wear a diaper?

...

Contrary to popular belief, Speedy is NOT wearing a diaper. That's a portion of his egg shell that he has sanded off and used as a part of his uniform. Is it connected to his flight abilities? Does his eggshell hold some other secretive secrets? We shall see!

4) I can't wait for the Silver arc!!!

Yours Truly,
Paul B.
from Washington

Me neither!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe',
I love your comics and I have two things to tell you that I need confirmed:
1) Here is my assumption of the chronology of SU in relation to the main *Sonic the Hedgehog* series - Daytime in SU#17 takes place at the same time as STH #s 213-214, and night in SU #s17-18 is the same time as night in STH#214. SU #s 18-20 is the same time as day in STH#s 215-216.

I will be happy to give you an answer as soon as my head stops spinning :)

2) I believe Dr. Fukurokov's name is pronounced "FOO-KOO-ROW-KAWV". I deduced this because the Japanese word for owl is Fukurou and when Bunnie and Antoine mispronounced his name the last syllable in both words had "AW" sounds. Am I right?

Sincerely,
Jordan S.
from California

DING DING DING! We have a WINN-AH!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe',
I am writing to say how grateful I am to be able to get your *Sonic the Hedgehog* and *Sonic Universe* comic books. I really like how good Ian Flynn and Tracy Yardley are. I believe they are as talented as they come; very inspirational.

Adulation, Admiration: a Sonic freelancer seeks not these things -- but it's nice to hear anyway :)

I would like to know how I can get the original *Sonic the Hedgehog* comic books. My comic book store doesn't have these and they can't order them for me. It's very frustrating -- is eBay my only option?

Sonic the Hedgehog fan,
Jacob S.
from Texas

If you mean the REALLY old stuff, try looking up comic book conventions near your area or call 1-888-COMIC-BOOK to try and find a different store that may have the issues you're looking for. Incidentally, if you want to read the early issues, all you have to do is click over to ArchieComics.com and pick up the Sonic Archives Graphic Novel series which collects every single issue of the series! If it's the actual comics you're looking for, our website also has collector sets for sale that go back as far as issue #54!

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